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LB 246, 325

this is a very simple bill. It plugs the data gap. This requires that municipalities register their wells. As you know, irrigation wells have had the requirement that they be registered for some time. It has been indicated that it would be helpful in knowing more about the total water situation if municipals were also required to register their wells. As Senator Kremer indicated, they do currently pay a fee so that the fee part of it is not changed, merely would require the registration so that somebody knows where they are. I move advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak on 246?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members, a question of Senator Lamb, perhaps. I think I found it in the bill but they would still have the same distance stipulation that the farmer has, 600 feet I believe, or 660 feet from an existing well?

SENATOR LAMB: No change in the existing statute. I am not sure whether it is 660. I thought in the case of unies it might be a 1000. But whatever the statute is at the present it is not changed. We are only trying to get the wells registered so the Conservation Survey Division, Department of Water Resources and other entities have that information.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, so whatever the distance might be, or is, then the statute would be the same for the city as it would be for the farmer?

SENATOR LAMB: No, it would be the same as what it is now. I am not sure if it is the same, it's not changed is the only thing I am saying.

SENATOR KAHLE: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill is 325.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 325 was introduced by the